GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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CUT ON PRICES OF PULSES
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to bring down consumer prices for pulses, the common man's food; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Apart from measures taken to increase the production and productivity of pulses in the country, imports of pulses are allowed at a lower rate of 10% duty for augmenting its availability at reasonable prices. The imports during 2001-02 at 21.8 lakh tones and 7.36 lakh tones during April-August, 2002 have helped in maintaining the prices of different varieties of pulses in the country.